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**January 13, 2014**

**County Dept. of Environmental Protection to Meet with Seneca Park Area Residents on Plans to Improve Stormwater Ponds at Plum Gar and Wheatfield**  
**Tuesday, January 14 7:00pm**  
**Plum Gar Recreation Center (Social Hall)**  
**19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown**

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection will meet with residents in the Seneca Park area of Germantown to explain planned improvements for existing stormwater management ponds at Plum Gar and Wheatfield. The ponds are located in the Seneca Park and the Seneca Park North neighborhoods. Concept project plans for improvements to both ponds will be presented.

For more information about the plan and the upcoming meeting, residents can contact Darian Copiz at 240-777-7774 or at [darian.copiz@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:darian.copiz@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**LEGGETT TO PRESENT RECOMMENDED CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**  
**Wednesday, January 15 10:30 a.m.**  
**Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street**  
**Lobby Level Auditorium, Rockville**

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett will present his recommended FY15 Capital Budget and Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

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*from the County Council . . .*

**County Council's PHED and T&E Committees Begin Joint Worksessions on Ten Mile Creek Limited Amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan – January 13 and 17**

See Committee packet from January 13 worksession at

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/resources/files/agenda/cm/2014/140114/20140113\\_PHEDTE1.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/resources/files/agenda/cm/2014/140114/20140113_PHEDTE1.pdf)

**Full County Council begins Worksessions on Zoning Ordinance ReWrite – January 15**

See agenda at [http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=6&event\\_id=2304](http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=6&event_id=2304)

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**Councilmember Roger Berliner to hold  
Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall  
Wednesday, January 15 7:30pm  
4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase**

Montgomery County District 1 Councilmember Roger Berliner is inviting residents to join him at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall as a continuing part of his series of "Conversations With Councilmember Berliner." At the community meeting, Councilmember Berliner, whose district includes Chevy Chase, Bethesda, Kensington, **Poolesville** and Potomac, will host informal discussions of issues of interest to local residents.

For more information on the meeting, call 240-777-7828.

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**New Ride On Route #94 Begins from Clarksburg to Germantown MARC Station!**

Effective Monday, January 13, a new route now runs Monday through Friday from Clarksburg to the Germantown MARC train station with a number of stops in Clarksburg. For details and schedule, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/routesandschedules/allroutes/route094.html>.



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**Montgomery County Plans Day of Service on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday;**

This year, Montgomery County's Day of Service activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on Monday, January 20, will take place at four sites throughout the County. Each location will also be a collection site for non-perishable food donations for Manna Food Center and donations of sleeping bags, blankets and socks for the homeless. The collection for the homeless is being organized by the Tri-Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Montgomery County's Volunteer Center will coordinate indoor family-friendly service projects from 1 – 3 p.m. at the North Bethesda Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road. Projects include tying paracord bracelets for members of the military, preparing bagged lunches for County shelters, assembling personal care kits for Interfaith Works' Community Vision Day Shelter, creating fleece blankets for Montgomery Hospice, making toys for animals at the County's animal shelter, decorating holiday cards for seniors and assembling care kits for foster children. Information and registration to participate at this location can be found at [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org).

Other Service Day sites include Seneca Creek Community Church from 9 - 11 a.m., hosted by the Seneca Creek Community Church; Silver Spring Civic Building from 10 a.m. – noon, organized by the Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and International Cultural Center, from 3 – 5 p.m.

Additionally, a number of organizations are holding environmental clean-up projects throughout the weekend of January 18 – 20. Locations, times and registration information are at [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org).

**All activities are approved for Student Service Learning (SSL) hours through Montgomery County Public Schools.** For questions contact [servicedays@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:servicedays@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call 240-777-2600.

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**The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Tribute and Musical Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** will be held at the Music Center at Strathmore on Monday, January 20 at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, however, tickets are required and may be reserved at [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org). For individuals unable to secure advanced tickets, a stand-by line will form outside the music center at 2 p.m. on the day of the performance and unclaimed tickets will be released to the public at 2:45 p.m.

For more information about the musical celebration, call Yvonne Stephens, 240-567-4203 or email [Yvonne.stephens@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Yvonne.stephens@montgomerycollege.edu) or contact Julian Norment, 240-777-8413 or email [julian.norment@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:julian.norment@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## **Planning Board Chair Francoise Carrier Announces Plans to Retire at End of Her Term**

See press release at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2014/01/10/montgomery-county-planning-board-chair-will-not-seek-second-term/>

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*THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
and our many co-sponsoring organizations invite you to the*

## **2014 Women's Legislative Briefing**

**Sunday, January 26, 2014**

**The Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg II,  
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville**

**Doors Open at 11:30am, Program 12:30pm – 6:00pm**

*NEW THIS YEAR: SPECIAL SEMINARS FOR TEEN GIRLS!*

For details and flyer, visit [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/resources/files/WLB2014\\_SaveTheDate2.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/resources/files/WLB2014_SaveTheDate2.pdf)

**General Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. To register, visit:**  
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-womens-legislative-briefing-tickets-7705727037>

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## **2014 Best Practices Recognition Awards for Employers of Older Workers!**

Older adults are a great asset for businesses and communities because of their knowledge, experience and work ethic. The Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, the Workforce Investment Board and the Jewish Council for the Aging will recognize best practices of employers in Montgomery County who hire, retain and engage workers over 55. The recognition awards will be announced at the JCA annual 50+ Employment Expo in May.

Montgomery County employers of any size are invited to participate. For detailed information about guidelines, the primary judging elements and the narrative application process, visit:

<http://www.choosemontgomerymd.com/business-community/experience-counts>

[Nominations due by mid-February so enter today!](#)

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### ***January is National Radon Action Month!***

#### **Montgomery County Urges Residents to Test Homes for Radon During National Radon Action Month; *Radon is Second Leading Cause of Lung Cancer in U.S.***

During January, Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is recognizing National Radon Action Month by encouraging residents to take action to protect their homes and families. Unsafe levels of radon can lead to serious illness. The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States behind smoking. By making simple fixes in a home or building, people can lower their health risks from radon.

For more information on radon, testing, mitigation and radon-resistant new construction, call 311 or visit the [County's website](#). Additional information is also available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website at [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon).

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#### **Metro Update: Red Line maintenance over weekends ahead; Schedule now available for several weeks in advance**

Metro will continue to perform major track work over the weekends ahead. The work typically will begin at 10pm on Friday and continue through system closing on Sunday, or even the following Monday if there is a three day weekend due to a holiday.

**Red Line Track Work** - You can see the scheduled work for several weeks in advance by visiting [Metro's track maintenance webpage](#). Other lines may also be impacted by Metro's maintenance work. This same website will have information on those as well.

Metro is about halfway through a six-year \$5 billion capital improvement program to improve the safety and reliability of the system. The investment to install new rail, ties, platforms, escalators, signals, lighting, communication systems, and more represents the largest capital investment -- and work effort -- since the system's original construction in the early 1970s. For more information on Metrorail or Metrobus service, see [Metro's website](#) or call 202.637.7000.

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases/](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases/)

#### **Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>